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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: RETURN OF AMBASSADOR MURPHY FOR CONSULTATIONS

REF: STATE 180073

1. SINCE FAHMY IS STILL IN ALEXANDRIA, I MET WITH MINSTATE MUHAMMED RIAD THIS MORNING TO GIVE HIM YOUR MESSAGE TO FAHMY. HE IS SENDING IT TO FAHMY AT ONCE. RIAD NOTED FAHMY IS EXPECTED COME TO CAIRO TOMORROW TO BE HERE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL JULY 23 ANNIVERSARY SPEECH, WHICH SADAT IS SCHEDULED TO GIVE TOMORROW NIGHT. HE DID NOT KNOW HOW LONG FAHMY WILL BE HERE.

2. RECALLING OUR SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE SYRIANS, RIAD SAID HE ASSUMED WE HAVE SEEN THE TEXT OF ASAD'S PUBLIC SPEECH YESTERDAY IN WHICH HE "BLASTED" BOTH EGYPT AND THE USG AND AGAIN BLAMED ALL THE CURRENT ME PROBLEMS ON SINAI II. (WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN FBIS TEXT OF ASAD SPEECH). ASAD, RIAD NOTED, HAS STARTED UP AGAIN. GOE, HE CLAIMED, HAS HONORED THE DETENTE COMMITMENT ARRIVED AT IN RIYADH AND HE DID NOT YET KNOW EITHER SADAT'S OR FAHMY'S REACTION TO THE LATEST ASAD ATTACK. HE WAS NOT PARTICULARLY OPTIMISTIC, HOWEVER.

3. COMMENT: FAHMY'S CARPING ABOUT ALLEGED INADEQUACY

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OF US EFFORTS TO OPPOSE SOVIET ENCROACHMENTS IN ME

SHOULD BE TAKEN FOR WHAT THEY ARE -- EGYPTIAN FRUSTRATION AT GOE'S INABILITY PLAY THE LEADERSHIP ROLE IN ARAB WORLD AND AFRICA TO WHICH IT ASPIRES. AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS AN OLD LINE WITH FAHMY, WHICH HE TROTS OUT EVERY TIME HE IS BESET WITH IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS LIKE SUDAN, LIGYA, LEBANON OR OTHER AREA DEVELOPMENTS. OUR CONGRESSIONALLY IMPOSED ANGOLA COP-OUT ALSO STILL RANKLES, SINCE IT GAVE THE SOVIETS SUCCESS IN AFRICA. THIS, HE CLAIMS, CAUSED CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT FOR GOE, WHICH HAD GOTTEN OUT ON POLITICAL LIMB WITH FELLOW AFRICAN STATES BECAUSE OF USG URGING. SUBJECT IS HIGHLY SENSITIVE FOR GOE AND FAHMY REPEATEDLY PROCLAIMS THAT HE WILL NOT GIVE UP HIS AFRICAN CARDS AS LONG AS ISRAELIS CONTINUE TO OCCUPY ARAB TERRITORY.

4. I KNOW THAT HE HAS MADE THESE CHARGES TO YOU IN THE PAST AND THAT YOU HAVE SOUGHT TO SET HIM STRAIGHT. SO HAVE I, TIME AND AGAIN. HE REALLY KNOWS BETTER, AND I HAVE ALWAYS SOUGHT TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT. HIS USUAL RESPONSE IS THAT WE FOCUS TOO MUCH ON DETENTE AND LARGER ISSUES, SUCH AS SALT, AND NOT ENOUGH ON IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS, SUCH AS LIBYA AND SUDAN. ONE CAN ARGUE WITH HIM UNTIL ONE IS BLUE IN THE FACE, BUT THE BROKEN RECORD CONTINUES TO PLAY. IN HAVE ALSO REPEATEDLY REMINDED HIM THAT THE ADMINISTRATION DID ITS UTMOST RE ANGOLA, BUT THAT IT WAS CONGRESS WHICH STOPPED AID. HE ACCEPTS THAT THIS WAS SO, BUT IN TYPICAL ISMAILIAN FASHION COMPAINS THAT FRIENDS OF USG CAN, THEREFORE, NEVER BE SURE OF OUR RELIABILITY IN UNDERTAKING COMMITMENTS. WHEN HE IS IN A MOOD LIKE THAT, IT IS BEST TO LET HIM GET IT OFF HIS CHEST, SO THAT ONE CAN GET DOWN TO SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES.

5. SINCE WRITING THE ABOVE, MUHAMMED RIAD HAS TELEPHONED (1430) LOCAL TO SAY HE HAS A MESSAGE TO PASS ON FROM FAHMY IN ALEXANDRIA. WE ARE TO MEET AT 1800 LOCAL.
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